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Spine Team Texas Physician and Founder Receives *Becker's Spine Review* Annual Spine Leadership Award 2013

(Southlake, Texas—July 2013) Spine Team Texas, a leader in comprehensive back and neck pain care, is pleased to announce that one of their founding physicians was selected as a recipient of the prestigious *Becker's Spine Review* 2013 Annual Spine Leadership Award. *Becker's Spine Review* is a Chicago-based online and print publication focused on the latest trends in spine industry development, business and legal issues.

Dr. David Rothbart, founder of Spine Team Texas, was among one of fourteen national award recipients. Each year Becker Healthcare receives numerous nominations for their Leadership Awards. All nominees are considered by a panel of editorial team members and healthcare industry experts.

"It seems only fitting that Dr. Rothbart be included in this list of outstanding spine surgeons," said Mark Hood, CEO of Spine Team Texas. "His contributions to our community and to the patients at Spine Team Texas are far-reaching and life-changing."

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According to *Becker's Spine Review*, the award is presented to spine surgeons based on noteworthy contributions to their practice and the spine community, entrepreneurial skills and influence in business and leadership. Many of the surgeons recognized this year founded and run their own spine practices and surgery centers. Others are leaders for physician-owned hospitals and participate in research and development that advances the field. All recipients have exhibited extraordinary leadership skills among physician groups and continue to lead growth in their businesses.

Additionally, *Becker's SPINE REVIEW* has included Spine Team Texas in their list of "104 Spine Surgery Practices to Know," accessible to the public online at BeckersSpine.com.

Dr. Rothbart is the Medical Director of Spine Team Texas, a premier regional spine center for comprehensive back and neck pain treatment, headquartered in Southlake, Texas. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southlake and previously served as the Medical Director of Neurosurgery at Baylor Medical Center at Irving and Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine.

As an experienced neurosurgeon, Dr. Rothbart specializes in the latest minimally-invasive surgical techniques for spine surgery. Before starting Spine Team Texas, Dr. Rothbart earned his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois; his neurosurgery residency training was completed at Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut. (A more extensive bio can be found online at SpineTeamTexas.com/Mee-biographies-david-rothbart.aspx)

In addition to this most recent award, Dr. Rothbart also received the honor of “Top Doc” in Neurosurgery as nominated by peer physicians in the specialty of neurosurgery by *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine, *U.S. News & World Report*, and the “Healthcare Hero—Physician Award” as nominated by his patients in the *Dallas Business Journal*.

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About Spine Team Texas

Spine Team Texas is a true comprehensive spine center specializing in the treatment of neck and back pain, ranging from simple back or neck strains to the most complex spine surgeries. Through in-depth knowledge and a team approach to care, Spine Team Texas physicians and medical staff are dedicated to treating patients conservatively through education, spine-focused physical therapy, non-surgical treatments, and minimally-invasive spine surgery as a last resort or when necessary.

The comprehensive team includes physiatrists, specialized in acute spine pain management; neurosurgeons and an orthopedic surgeon, specializing in minimally-invasive spine surgery techniques; spine-focused physical therapists; anesthesiologists, fellowship-trained in chronic spine pain management; and on-site registered nurses who help patients return to everyday activities. Established in December 2004, Spine Team Texas is headquartered in Southlake, Texas. The practice opened a full-service, sister-facility in March 2009 in Rockwall, Texas, and operates a newly-opened clinic in Ft. Worth, Texas (Alliance) this January. For more information, please visit **SpineTeamTexas.com** or follow on Facebook at **[Facebook.com/SpineTeamTexas](https://www.facebook.com/SpineTeamTexas)**.